



RESOLUTION

Maintaining Fairpoint Communications and Innovative Technological Jobs in Manchester and the State of New Hampshire

WHEREAS, friendly community businesses in Manchester and the State of New Hampshire continue investing in our communities and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that maintaining good jobs in Manchester and the State of New Hampshire is critical in enhancing our economy and families quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Fairpoint employees and their families have suffered through extreme downsizing, eliminating over 66% of the workforce since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Fairpoint Communications in New Hampshire has and continues to downsize their New Hampshire Workforce and has not invested adequately in an innovative communications infrastructure, nor added any new technology driven jobs in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, The businesses and our constituents in Manchester and New Hampshire deserve high quality telecommunications services including state-of-the-art fixed broadband services; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Fairpoint Communications, as a result of their downsizing efforts have abandoned the State of New Hampshire in terms of good paying job creation and bringing advanced broadband communications to the State of New Hampshire;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen promotes collaborative efforts of business, labor and government in the dynamic field of telecommunications to employ workers in New Hampshire and partner with the communities of New Hampshire with sustaining and growing a high-performance economy, benefitting everyone in our communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen supports innovative job growth and retaining technology driven jobs that are good paying, and strongly encourages Fairpoint Communications and Consolidated Communications to create opportunities to retain the jobs In New Hampshire and abandon their plans for further layoffs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds that good jobs and telecommunications services are vital to our economy, and we strongly encourage both companies to consider

the impacts to customer service, quality of service and to their employees, we resolve that both companies create innovative ways to utilize and grow the workforce and to engage in proactive economic development initiatives through broadband deployment that enhances job stability across the State of New Hampshire.